

CLAIMS

- 1 1. An apparatus comprising:
2 an inactivity monitor configured to determine the inactivity of an application
3 interface;
4 a telephone interface configured to connect the apparatus to a network and configured
5 to receive calls from the network;
6 a call interface, coupled to the inactivity monitor and the telephone interface,
7 configured to deregister the telephone interface from receiving calls when the
8 inactivity monitor determines that the application interface is inactive.
- 1 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the received calls are automatically
2 forwarded when the call interface deregisters the telephone interface from
3 receiving calls.
- 1 3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the calls the received calls are
2 automatically forwarded to another device.
- 1 4. The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising:
2 a voice mail manager, coupled to the call interface, the received calls being optionally
3 automatically forwarded to the voice mail manager.
- 1 5. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the deregistration occurs through the
2 Session Initiation Protocol.
- 1 6. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the inactivity monitor is a screen saver.
- 1 7. A method comprising:
2 determining the inactivity of an application interface;

3 receiving calls from a network;

4 automatically forwarding the received call when the application interface is inactive.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the inactivity of the application interface is
2 determined through a screen saver.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the automatic forwarding is accomplished
2 through deregistering a telephone interface from receiving calls.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the received call is forwarded is to another
2 device.

1 11. The method of claim 9, wherein the received call is forwarded is to voice
2 mail.

1 12. The method of claim 9, wherein deregistering of the telephone interface is
2 accomplished through the Session Initiation Protocol.

1 13. A computer-readable medium encoded with data and instructions, the data and
2 instructions causing an apparatus executing the instructions to:

3 determine the inactivity of an application interface;

4 receive calls from a network;

5 automatically forward the received call when the application interface is inactive.

1 14. The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the inactivity of the
2 application interface is determined through a screen saver.

1 15. The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the automatic
2 forwarding is accomplished through deregistering a telephone interface from
3 receiving calls.

- 1 16. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the received call is
2 forwarded is to another device.
- 1 17. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the received call is
2 forwarded is to voice mail.
- 1 18. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein deregistering of the
2 telephone interface is accomplished through the Session Initiation Protocol.
- 1 19. An apparatus comprising:
2 means for determining the inactivity of an application interface;
3 means for receiving calls from a network;
4 means for automatically forwarding the received call when the application interface is
5 inactive.
- 1 20. The method of claim 19, wherein the means for determining the inactivity of
2 the application interface is a screen saver.
- 1 21. The method of claim 20, wherein the automatic forwarding is accomplished
2 through deregistering a telephone interface from receiving calls.
- 1 22. The method of claim 9, wherein the received call is forwarded is to another
2 device.
- 1 23. The method of claim 21, wherein the received call is forwarded is to voice
2 mail.
- 1 24. The method of claim 21, wherein deregistering of the telephone interface is
2 accomplished through the Session Initiation Protocol.